

Nottingham Trent University Course Specification

LL.B (Honours) European Law

Basic Course Information		
1.	Awarding Institution:	Nottingham Trent University
2.	School/Campus:	Nottingham Law School (City Campus)/Radboud Faculty of Law, Radboud University Nijmegen
3.	Final Award: Course Title:	LL.B (Honours) European Law LL.B (Honours) European Law (and LL.M European Law from Radboud University Nijmegen)
	Modes of Study:	Full-time
4.	Normal Duration:	Full-time 3 years
5.	UCAS Code:	M120

6.	Overview and general educational aims of the course
	<p>This LL.B (Honours) European Law Degree Course enables you to study a range of English and European Law modules which are of vital interest in the modern world. The study of specialist European Law topics will provide you with an international perspective and an appreciation of the role of law in relation to international issues.</p> <p>You will acquire highly valued transferable legal skills which will significantly develop and enhance your analytical, evaluative, reasoning, communication and problem-solving abilities. There is significant emphasis upon career planning and ensuring that our graduates are attractive to a wide range of potential future employers both in the U.K. and overseas.</p> <p>The degree is a Qualifying Law Degree which enables you to progress to further study if you wish to become a solicitor or barrister. Nottingham Law School is one of the largest full service University law schools in the UK, enjoying a national and international reputation for the excellence of its modern legal education and training across a broad range of both academic and professional courses. A great many of the Law School staff are professionally qualified as either solicitors or barristers and the School has extensive links with the legal and other professions both nationally and overseas.</p> <p>Key professional skills such as problem-solving, case analysis, legal advocacy (mooting), report writing, professional advice and negotiation skills are directly incorporated within core law modules ensuring that such skills are developed within a relevant context. Modules are focussed upon the application of law to real-life situations and reflect current legal issues.</p> <p>In the first two years of study at Nottingham Law School you will complete the Foundation modules, including European Union Law, as required by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board. In addition you will study law modules which will provide a solid basis for the subsequent study of specialist</p>

European Law modules.

Your third and final year of study will be spent at Radboud University Nijmegen, rated as one of the top 150 universities in the world with their Law Faculty being amongst the best in the Netherlands and rated number one for student satisfaction. Radboud University is a truly international institution with more than 600 overseas staff members and over 1,500 foreign students and is therefore an ideal location to undertake the study of specialist European Law modules. All such modules are delivered in English and all staff and students speak English.

The modules studied at Radboud are designed to provide an in-depth education in European Law. The focus is upon the study of current legal issues and preparing you for professional practice. Initial modules provide a thorough understanding of European Law in general enabling you to progress to a choice of one of three specialist tracks: European Law Advanced; Human Rights and Migration Law; European Business Law. All tracks further require a written thesis or dissertation on a subject within the field of European Law.

Upon successful completion of the law modules at Radboud you will, in addition to this LL.B (Hons) European Law Degree awarded by Nottingham Trent University, be awarded a Master of Laws (LL.M) Degree in European Law by Radboud University Nijmegen.

The special features of the LL.B (Hons) European Law Course are:

- Enabling you to study European Law modules overseas at Radboud University Nijmegen, rated as one of the top 150 universities in the world, providing a true international perspective to your legal studies
- Facilitating the award of both an LL.B (Hons) European Law Degree by Nottingham Trent University and a Master of Laws (LL.M) Degree in European Law by Radboud University Nijmegen within three years
- Providing opportunities to study a range of specialist European Law subjects
- Guaranteeing you a place on our Legal Practice Course for intending solicitors following successful completion of the LL.B (Hons) European Law Course with honours (2.1 or higher)
- Preparing you for the professional work environment through the incorporation of key professional skills within both core and option modules, involving legal research, legal reasoning and advocacy skills
- Outstanding Nottingham Law School facilities including mock courtrooms enabling you to learn in a realistic environment
- Enabling you to experience mooting, involving legal research, legal reasoning and advocacy skills
- Offering you the opportunity to participate in summer schools in Strasbourg, Berlin, Tallinn (in Estonia), Geneva and Nijmegen.

We have an enviable graduate recruitment record. Our students are highly successful in gaining employment or in continuing with further studies. The transferable legal skills which you will acquire on the course are very highly regarded and our graduates are sought by both legal employers and employers in finance, industry, commerce and the public sector.

The study of specialist European Law modules leading to the additional award of a Master of Laws (LL.M) Degree provide an excellent basis for an international legal career. Graduates are able to work all over the world with international law firms, national governments, European institutions and agencies, universities, multinationals and NGOs.

When you graduate, there is the opportunity for you to apply for entry to one of our very highly regarded professional training courses, namely the Legal Practice Course for intending solicitors or the Bar Professional Training Course for intending barristers. Nottingham Law School provides a wide range of education and training for all those either in or wishing to join the legal profession.

The aims of the LL.B (Honours) European Law Full-time course are:

- To provide a qualifying law degree which enables you to become professional and employable, meeting the needs of a wide range of potential future employers both within and outside of the legal profession
- To provide an environment which enables you:
 - to acquire high level knowledge and understanding of the function and application of both English and European Law in the modern world
 - to acquire highly valued transferable legal skills which will significantly develop and enhance your analytical, evaluative, reasoning, communication and problem-solving abilities

7. **Course outcomes**

Course outcomes describe what you should know and be able to do by the end of your course if you take advantage of the opportunities for learning that we provide.

Knowledge and understanding

By the end of the course you should be able to:

(Outcomes marked **(B)** have been informed by the QAA Benchmark Statement for Law)

Legal abilities

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of English and European legal rules, legal principles and legal and political institutions**(B)**

Demonstrate specialist knowledge and understanding in respect of European and international law and an appreciation of the role of European Law in relation to international issues.

Recognise and assess the context in which the law operates**(B)**

Apply knowledge of the law and solve legal problems**(B)**

Reflect critically upon your own knowledge and understanding and identify issues to research independently**(B)**

Qualifying Law Degree

Demonstrate the study in depth of the Foundation modules required for a Qualifying Law Degree as prescribed by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board

Skills, qualities and attributes

By the end of the course you should be able to:

(Outcomes marked **(B)** have been informed by the QAA Benchmark Statement for Law)

Transferable Intellectual Skills

Analyse and synthesise complex information**(B)**

Evaluate critically and make a reasoned choice between alternative solutions**(B)**

Make and present a reasoned and logical argument and exercise critical judgment as to the merits of competing arguments**(B)**

Plan, research and learn independently**(B)**

Reflect upon your own learning and seek and respond to relevant feedback**(B)**

Professional Skills

Communicate effectively in writing and orally, presenting information which is relevant and understandable to others**(B)**

Employ effective IT skills**(B)**

Use, present and evaluate numerical information**(B)**

Work in groups as an effective participant to achieve an agreed task**(B)**

Demonstrate a professional and business awareness together with an appreciation of social and cultural diversity and an understanding of, and responsiveness to, changing environments

Evidence an ability to accept responsibility in determining and achieving appropriate outcomes**(B)**

8. Teaching and Learning Methods

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Each NLS law module is delivered through a series of lectures in order to enable you to develop relevant knowledge and understanding. The lectures act as a stimulus to encourage you to undertake further independent reading and research.

You will also participate in regular seminars which are linked to the lectures. Seminars provide you with a vital opportunity to test your knowledge and understanding and to develop your skills through student focussed debate and discussion, problem-solving, reasoned application of the relevant law, and analysis, synthesis and evaluation of your own reading. Seminars require independent planning, research and reflection and facilitate the development of your communication skills. Tutor feedback provided in

seminars provides a platform for your continued progress and improvement.

Your development is further supported through a range of practice assessments designed to produce both accuracy of knowledge and understanding and demonstration of relevant skills. Detailed tutor feedback on all such practice assessments enables you to target specific areas of substantive knowledge, understanding and relevant skills requiring improvement.

All students are provided with a range of e-learning activities integrated within your course of study. These will focus upon both the confirmation of relevant understanding as well as on-going skills development.

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Law modules are delivered through a combination of lectures and seminars but with a clear emphasis upon interactive teaching and learning. Students are frequently required to complete written assignments and/or essays and/or to give seminar presentations enabling you to confirm your knowledge and understanding and to develop both written and oral communication skills. There is a strong focus upon acquiring the skills necessary to resolve complex legal problems with students being challenged to make their own individual contributions to the solution and to exchange such contributions with those of their peer group and of their relevant tutor. In this way students learn to exercise critical judgment in respect of competing views and arguments.

As the course progresses, you are expected to demonstrate greater independence in your planning, preparation, research and reflection and to exhibit increased learner autonomy. The culmination of such development is evidenced in the production of the final thesis, the topic for which is normally selected from within one of the European Law modules being studied at the Radboud Faculty of Law. A thesis tutor will support you in the process of formulating your research questions and will discuss your work with you as it develops. The thesis provides an opportunity for you to demonstrate a combination of relevant acquired skills including legal research and writing, problem solving, critical evaluation and judgment and an ability to accept responsibility in determining and achieving appropriate outcomes.

9. Assessment Methods

Assessments are designed to measure your achievement of the learning outcomes. Assessment tasks are provided with relevant assessment criteria which are consistent with the aims and outcomes of the module which are themselves consistent with the aims and outcomes of the Course. The assessment criteria tell you what is expected from you.

Assessments are diverse and reflect the integration of skills within substantive law

modules. Examples include oral presentations, case analysis exercises, research projects, group projects, reports, problem-solving assignments, mooted and both seen and unseen examinations.

End of module assessments are combined with formative and summative in course assessments which are managed to ensure an effective distribution of the relevant workload and avoid undue interference with key teaching and learning periods.

Assessments reflect a developmental approach to the acquisition of skills through the Course. Mooting skills are built upon oral presentation skills, multi-issue problem assignments follow single issue assessment tasks and independent research work is based upon experience gained in report writing and mini-project work.

Opportunities to practice assessments in order to receive and reflect upon relevant tutor feedback are provided through seminars and staged formative and diagnostic assessments.

The majority of the modules studied at the Radboud Faculty of Law are assessed by either an oral or written examination with the focus of both being upon the resolution of complex legal problems and an assessment of the relevant skills required to achieve this. The final thesis involves an assessment of a majority of the relevant learning outcomes of the Course and comprises both the submission of the written thesis and an oral examination in respect of it.

Students are required to achieve an overall upper second class grade in their second year of study in order to be permitted to progress to study at the Radboud Faculty of Law. Students who do not achieve an overall upper second class grade in their second year of study will be transferred to the final year of the LL.B (Hons) Law Full-time Course at Nottingham Law School.

The final LL.B (Hons) degree classification is based upon marks achieved in the penultimate and final years of study weighted 30%:70%. Assessment of the law modules studied at Nottingham Law School is subject to the Nottingham Trent University's Common Assessment Regulations. Assessment of the law modules studied at the Radboud Faculty of Law is subject to the Assessment Regulations of the Radboud University Nijmegen. Modules studied at the Radboud Faculty of Law are therefore initially graded in accordance with the Radboud grading system. However, such grades are then translated into corresponding grades appropriate to NTU level 3 (Level 6 NQF) undergraduate assessments, using the relevant NTU undergraduate grading descriptors, for the purposes of the LL.B (Hons) European Law award.

The determination as to the final classification of the LL.B (Hons) award is made in accordance with the Common Assessment Regulations of Nottingham Trent University.

The final LL.M Master's degree award is determined solely upon the marks achieved in the final year of study at Radboud Faculty of Law. Assessment of the law modules studied at the Radboud Faculty of Law is subject to the Assessment Regulations of the

Radboud University Nijmegen. The final determination of such award is made in accordance with the Education and Examination Rules of the Radboud University Nijmegen.

10. **Course structure and curriculum**

The LL.B (Hons) European Law degree is a three year course of study#.

You will study a total of 16 taught modules (10 at Nottingham Law School and 6 at the Radboud Faculty of Law) comprising both compulsory and optional modules. In addition you are required to submit a thesis whilst studying at Radboud.

You will study a total of 120 UK Higher Education Institution (HEI) credits in each of the first two years of the course. One UK HEI credit is equivalent to 10 hours of learning effort.

The Radboud University Nijmegen operates within the European Credit Transfer Scheme (ECTS) under which each year of a degree course is deemed to be equivalent to 60 ECTS credits. UK Higher Education Institutions, including the Nottingham Trent University, conform to this system. For the purposes of conversion to UK HEI credits, each ECTS credit is multiplied by two: 60 ECTS credits therefore equals 120 NTU credits.

In the final year at Radboud Faculty of Law you will study at total of 60 ECTS.

The compulsory modules include the Foundation modules required by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board in order to achieve Qualifying Law Degree status and allow progression to relevant professional training.

The curriculum is delivered in a progressive manner through the successive years of the course. The compulsory Foundation modules are completed in the first two years of the course. The initial focus is upon the provision of essential legal skills in Legal Method as well as in the Law of Contract and Problem Solving, with such skills being further demonstrated and applied through the linked private law area of the Law of Torts and the linked public law areas of Constitutional Law, Administrative Law, Human Rights and European Union Law. This initial focus upon Public Law, Human Rights and European Union Law provides an ideal basis for the subsequent study of specialist European Law modules at Radboud.

The second year comprises the study of Property Law, consisting of the linked subjects of Land Law and the Law of Trusts, with public law being taken further in the study of Criminal Law. In addition to completing the Foundation modules you will study Commercial Law, introducing the business context of law, developing your commercial awareness and providing a platform for the study of specialist optional European Business Law modules in the final year at Radboud. Your study of human rights will also be further developed in a more advanced Human Rights Law module, providing an appreciation of the social and political context of human rights within a European context and again serving as a platform for the study of specialist optional European

Human Rights related modules in the final year at Radboud.

During your second year you will also be taught a range of key legal skills, including applied legal analysis, negotiation, mooted and professional advice, directly incorporated within substantive law modules so that such skills are developed within a relevant context.

The modules studied at Radboud are designed to provide an in-depth education in European Law. The focus is upon the study of current legal issues and preparing you for professional practice. Initial compulsory modules provide a thorough understanding of European Law in general enabling students to develop relevant perspective as to the operation of the European Legal System as a whole, its fundamental concepts and key elements, and an appreciation of the coherence of European Law. This insight provides a solid foundation for more in depth study of specialist European Law subject areas and an appreciation of possible interrelations between different areas of law.

The final year taught law modules at Radboud are divided over two semesters with the compulsory law modules and typically one optional law module being studied in the first semester.

Study in relation to the thesis commences at the end of the first semester and continues through the second semester with students typically submitting their work in late June/early July. An oral examination of the thesis is ordinarily conducted in August.

A choice of one of three specialist pathways is available in the final year at Radboud, each comprising a range of relevant optional taught law modules: European Law Advanced; Human Rights and Migration Law; European Business Law.

The European Law Advanced pathway is designed to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of representative themes within the law of the European Union, including Internal Market Law and Judicial Protection of the European Union. Relevant option modules focus upon both the substantive law as well as the institutional aspects of the European Union.

The Human Rights and Migration Law pathway combines the study of both human rights and immigration law, two subject areas which are amongst the most important in the European Union today. Students benefit from the unique expertise offered by the Centre for Migration Law which focusses upon issues related to migration and minority protection.

The European Business Law pathway focusses upon law and business within an international context. Students benefit from the expertise of the Business and Law Research Centre at Radboud which combines academic excellence with the practical expertise of major companies and law firms.

Skills are integral to the course and are introduced in a planned and structured way. The initial Law of Contract module incorporates significant emphasis upon developing

the key legal skill of problem solving as well as providing an introduction to oral presentation skills in the form of mooting. Other first year modules focus upon case analysis skills, report writing and team skills. Oral skills are subsequently developed into more advanced mooting skills and problem solving skills extended to address more complex multi-issue assignments and to require applied legal analysis.

Skills of case reading and analysis require increasing levels of independent research to be conducted encompassing critical evaluation of relevant materials. Writing skills become more specialised focussing upon more specific client advice and requiring more reasoned and logical argument to be advanced. Each of the pathways studied in the final year at Radboud requires a written thesis on a subject within the field of European Law. The thesis brings together a range of advanced legal skills building upon skills development in previous modules and provides an opportunity to demonstrate full learner autonomy. As well as enabling students to develop further specialist knowledge the thesis provides an opportunity for you to directly relate your studies to your particular career aspirations.

Both core and optional law modules studied at Nottingham Law School have a standard 20 UK HEI credit point module value. The first year Law of Contract and Problem Solving module and the second year Criminal Law with Mooting module both incorporate significant key skills development and so each has a 40 UK HEI credit point module value.

Both the compulsory and optional taught law modules at Radboud Faculty of Law have a standard 7 ECTS credit point module value. The thesis represents a substantial piece of work and so has an 18 ECTS credit point module value.

(#The final year thesis is ordinarily assessed by an oral examination in August of the final year and so consideration of student results for the LL.B (Hons) European Law award is normally conducted at the September Nottingham Law School Examination Board meeting).

(**C** =Compulsory module; **F** =Foundation module required for a Qualifying Law Degree; **O** = Optional module)

Year 1 (Nottingham Law School)

- Law of Contract and Problem Solving **C F**
- Law of Torts and Case Analysis **C F**
- Legal Method **CF**
- Public Law and Human Rights **C F**
- European Union Law and Report Writing **C F**

Year 2 (Nottingham Law School)

- Criminal Law with Mooting **C F**
- Land Law and Professional Advice **C F**

- Law of Trusts and Applied Legal Analysis **C F**
- Commercial Law and Negotiation **C**
- Human Rights **C**

Year 3 (Radboud Faculty of Law)

Core Modules *(all studied in semester 1)*

- Advanced Notions of European Law **C**
- European Competition Law **C**
- EU External Relations Law **C**

Optional Modules *(students typically study one option in semester 1 and the remainder in semester 2)*

Optional European Law Advanced Pathway

(Choice of 3 option modules from the following; at least 1 module marked * must be selected)

- European Internal Market Law* **O**
- Judicial Protection in the EU* **O**
- European Law Moot Court Competition* **O**
- Intellectual Property: Copyright Law **O**
- International and European Tax Law **O**
- European Employment Law **O**
- Comparative Constitutional Law **O**
- European Legal History **O**
- Philosophy of International Law **O**
- Sociology of Law **O**

Optional Human Rights and Migration Law Pathway

(Choice of 3 option modules from the following; at least 1 module marked * must be selected)

- European Immigration Law* **O**
- Protection of Human Rights (Advanced)* **O**
- European and Comparative Refugee Law* **O**
- Judicial Protection in the EU* **O**
- Public International Law Advanced **O**
- European Fundamental Rights and Freedoms **O**
- Philosophy of International Law **O**
- International Criminal Responsibility **O**
- Comparative Constitutional Law **O**
- European Legal History **O**
- Sociology of Law **O**

Optional European Business Law Pathway

(Choice of 3 option modules from the following; at least 1 module marked * must be selected)

- Finance and Insolvency Law*
- European and Comparative Company Law*
- European Private Law*
- Intellectual Property: Copyright Law
- Private International Law
- International/European Tax Law
- European Internal Market Law
- International Arbitration
- European Employment Law
- Sociology of Law

Each Pathway further requires a written thesis of 18 ECTS on a subject within the field of European Law.

11. Admission to the Course

Entry Requirements

For current information regarding all entry requirements for this course, please see the 'Applying' tab on the course information web page.

12. **Support for Learning**

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All students participate in an induction programme designed to facilitate initial orientation, an introduction to the course and first year module aims and intended outcomes, familiarisation with relevant sources of both academic and pastoral support and awareness of University and Nottingham Law School support services.

Students receive comprehensive teaching and learning materials in electronic format detailing relevant staff contacts, syllabus and assessment details, teaching and learning methods, recommended reading, lecture outlines and seminar instructions.

All students receive on-going face to face feedback from academic tutors during the course of their studies. Academic and pastoral support is provided by designated personal tutors and by the Course and Deputy Course Leaders. Both pastoral welfare and academic performance is monitored and reviewed by the personal tutor. Students are encouraged to review and reflect upon their progress and to determine academic and vocational objectives.

In addition to individual contact with and support from their personal tutor, students also attend regular group tutorials with their personal tutor. These group tutorials support student transition into higher education, promote awareness of the professional context of legal study and assist with career planning and development.

Personal tutors also monitor student attendance and are pro-active in ascertaining reasons for absence. Students in the Law School also have access to a full-time Pastoral Support Advisor providing support exclusively to law students.

Students will be further supported in their transition to study at the Radboud Faculty of Law by the NLS Exchange Co-ordinator. Such Co-ordinator will arrange a series of review meetings with students as their studies progress and prior to their departure to Radboud. Such review meetings will be held either individually or in groups together with Radboud students then attending NLS.

All law students have access to a dedicated Law School 'Survive and Thrive Toolkit' delivered via a NOW learning room. This contains a range of resources and activities to support student transition into higher education as well as help and advice in developing key academic skills and in getting the most out of the University experience.

All first year students are provided with both UK and European legal information resources training through online self-study materials delivered via NOW. This is accompanied by a compulsory online self-assessment exercise in respect of which students receive online feedback on their assessment performance.

In addition to the on campus library and learning resources centre and accompanying IT resource rooms, all students have on and off campus access to comprehensive electronic legal information resources including law reports, full text journal articles,

databases and online textbooks.

All students are provided with a range of e-learning materials and activities delivered via dedicated virtual learning rooms in NOW. These are integrated within relevant substantive law modules and focus upon both the confirmation of relevant understanding as well as on-going skills development.

Students are provided with opportunities to undertake practice assessments and to receive feedback in order to improve future performance. Comprehensive feedback is given on all assessed work.

The Nottingham Trent University provides a range of student services including Financial Support Services, Counselling, Disability Support, International Student Support, Mature Student Support, Progression Support, Chaplains and Religious/Cultural Advisers and access to affiliated health centres. Further details can be found via the University website.

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All students receive on-going face to face feedback from academic tutors during the course of their studies. Additional support is provided in respect of the written thesis. A dedicated thesis tutor will assist students in the formulation of their research proposal and will hold regular meetings to discuss draft work. All students are provided with an academic thesis handbook providing detailed guidance as to relevant expectations and requirements. A thesis surgery is available providing advice and guidance on a range of issues arising in respect of the production of the thesis.

Student support services, including the provision of course information, counselling and advice, are provided at both University and Faculty levels.

At University level the Student Affairs Service provides administrative support as well as counselling and advice services. The student counselling department provides information, advice and counselling in respect of all study and career related issues. Courses are available to students in a range of areas, including strategic study, self-management, presentation skills and thesis writing. The Nijmegen Academic Writing Centre is a further university level facility where specialist tutors provide support for students who need help and advice in respect of their academic writing.

At the Faculty level the Education and Administration Office provides general administrative support to students. The Internal and External Relations Office provides general study advice and guidance to students, including advice in respect of relevant study routes, option selection, the employment market and as to the availability of internships. The Faculty employs four student counsellors to inform, guide and advise

students in respect of both pastoral and academic matters. Referrals to the student counsellors are often made by both relevant academic tutors and the Education and Administration Office.

In addition, all NLS students attending the Radboud Faculty of Law will continue to be supported by the NLS Exchange Co-ordinator who will if necessary and appropriate act as a referral point to relevant sources of either academic or pastoral support within Nottingham Law School and/or the Nottingham Trent University.

Radboud has a very well-equipped university library with an integrated study and information centre and excellent IT facilities. The Law Library is a branch of the university library and is housed in a separate unit. The Law Library has a separate information desk to answer questions on legal resources and all students receive library and library skills training as a component of their course. The Law Faculty has a modern study centre, the Studeon, for use by law students which is located in the basement of the Law Library. The Studeon contains both individual and group computer work spaces for the exclusive use of law students. Radboud uses Blackboard as its digital learning environment with the majority of modules providing online resource materials.

The Radboud Faculty of Law is due to move to a new purpose-built Faculty building in the summer of 2013, the Grotius Building. This building will accommodate a new dedicated law library, a restaurant with terrace and the largest lecture hall on the University campus with 500 seats.

13. Graduate destinations / employability

Higher Education Statistics Agency figures consistently show that students in the Law School are highly successful in obtaining employment or continuing with further study. The HESA Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Institutions survey for 2011 confirmed that, of those responding, some 91% of graduates from the LL.B (Hons) Law Full-time Course were employed and/or undertaking further study approximately six months after graduation.

All law students have access to a dedicated Law School 'Events and Careers' learning room in NOW which contains advice on career planning, cvs and covering letters, online career resources, key application date information, slides from employer presentations and NLS career guides to legal and non-legal careers. Students are invited to both employer presentations and to workshops delivered by graduate recruitment specialists on interview skills and assessment days.

The Nottingham Trent University's Careers Development Centre is available to all students and offers a comprehensive range of careers advice and relevant resources. Dedicated Careers Advisors are available for each year of the Course.

Following successful completion of the LL.B with honours (2.1 or higher) you will be guaranteed a place on our very successful Legal Practice Course for intending solicitors. Alternatively, when you graduate, there is the opportunity for you to apply for entry to our very highly regarded Bar Professional Training Course for intending barristers.

The transferable legal skills which you will acquire on a Nottingham Law School LL.B course are very highly regarded and graduates are sought by both legal employers and employers in finance, industry, commerce and the public sector. The additional Radboud Master's award in European Law provides an excellent basis for an international legal career. Graduates are ideally equipped to work as lawyers with international law firms, national governments, European institutions and agencies, universities, multinationals and NGOs.

14. Course standards and quality

A Course Standards and Quality Report is submitted annually to the Course Committee comprising both academic staff and student representatives. The Report provides a summary of the on-going monitoring and review of both module and course feedback from students together with external examiner reports, module leader reports and admission and progression statistics in order to identify and promote good practice and to inform relevant action points.

The Radboud Faculty of Law has its own internal quality assurance systems to ensure that the quality of the relevant courses and modules which it delivers is continuously monitored and reviewed. However, overall responsibility for the quality of the LL.B (Hons) European Law Degree Course remains with the Nottingham Trent University. The Radboud Faculty of Law's Education Committee, comprised of both academic staff and student representatives, is responsible for ensuring the periodic evaluation of the modules delivered at Radboud as part of this Course. The results of such evaluations are communicated to the academic staff and to the Radboud Faculty Management and are also used to inform the Course Standards and Quality Report referred to above. The Radboud Education Committee determines and advises upon relevant recommendations to enhance quality standards and liaises with the Faculty Management in this regard. Relevant assessments set in respect of modules studied at Radboud are reviewed and evaluated by the Radboud Examining Board in accordance with set evaluation criteria. The Examining Board advises the Faculty Management regarding the quality of assessments and provides relevant recommendations.

Such internal quality assurance systems at Radboud ensure that all of Radboud University's Bachelor's and Master's programmes are accredited by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO). In the Netherlands accreditation is a precondition for government funding of a Bachelor's or Master's degree programme and for the right to award recognised diplomas.

There is on-going consultation with students regarding module and course developments through relevant course committees and staff/student liaison meetings. Student feedback is obtained through online questionnaires. External examiners are regularly consulted regarding intended course developments and full feedback is provided to them in respect of the responses made to any recommendations contained in their annual reports.

The Course Standards and Quality Report is submitted for consideration and approval by the School Academic Standards and Quality Committee and is used to inform Law School strategy and policy.

The Nottingham Law School operates a comprehensive audit trail procedure in order to ensure appropriate approval of both new and amended modules. In particular, a Curriculum Review Group ensures that all module developments remain consistent with the aims and learning outcomes of the Course and with related strategies and policies.

All summative assessments are reviewed and approved in accordance with the quality assurance processes of the respective institutions depending upon where the relevant module is being delivered. External Examiners appointed by Nottingham Law School in accordance with the NTU ASQ Handbook are however responsible for monitoring the academic standards of all law modules on the Course as well as relevant internal moderation and assessment processes. In particular, relevant External Examiners are party to the internal moderation process through the review of a representative sample of relevant assessed work. The reports of the External Examiners on relevant academic standards, the operation of the assessment processes and the quality of student learning are used to inform the Course Standards and Quality Report.

The Course is accredited by both the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board as a Qualifying Law Degree allowing progression to further professional training.

The Course learning outcomes have been produced with reference to the Quality Assurance Agency Subject Benchmark Statement for Law. Individual module learning outcomes are in turn mapped against the Course learning outcomes. The Course learning outcomes are also mapped against the requirements of the Joint Academic Stage Board of the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board.

15. **Assessment regulations**

The final classification of the LL.B (Hons) European Law award is made in accordance with the Nottingham Trent University's Common Assessment Regulations (located in its [Academic Standards and Quality Handbook](#)). Assessment of the law modules studied at Nottingham Law School is subject to the Nottingham Trent University's Common Assessment Regulations. Any course specific assessment features are described below:

Nottingham Law School has adopted conventions regarding the exercise of the Examination Board's discretion in respect of both module compensation and final

degree classification. These are disseminated to all enrolled students at the start of each academic year.

Application of the University's Common Assessment Regulations is also informed by guidance provided by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Bar Standards Board regarding qualifying law degree status.

The final year thesis is ordinarily assessed by an oral examination in August of the final year and so consideration of student results for the LL.B (Hons) European Law award is normally conducted at the September Nottingham Law School Examination Board meeting.

A student will not be allowed to enter Level 3 (Level 6 NQF) of the Course when modules from Level 1 (Level 4 NQF) are still outstanding.

Students are required to achieve an overall upper second class grade in their second year of study in order to be permitted to progress to study at Radboud Faculty of Law. Students who do not achieve an overall upper second class grade in their second year of study will be transferred to the final year of the LL.B (Hons) Law Full-time Course at Nottingham Law School.

Assessment of the law modules studied at the Radboud Faculty of Law is subject to the Assessment Regulations of the Radboud University Nijmegen. Modules studied at the Radboud Faculty of Law are therefore initially graded in accordance with the Radboud grading system. However, such grades are then translated into corresponding grades appropriate to NTU level 3 (Level 6 NQF) undergraduate assessments, using the relevant NTU undergraduate grading descriptors, for the purposes of the LL.B (Hons) European Law award.

The award of the Radboud Faculty of Law Master's Degree in European Law is determined solely in accordance with the Education and Examination Rules of the Radboud University Nijmegen based upon the Master's modules studied at Radboud.

16. **Additional Information**

Collaborative partner(s):	Radboud University Nijmegen
Course referenced to national QAA Benchmark Statements:	Law
Course recognised by:	Solicitors Regulation Authority and Bar Standards Board
Date implemented:	1 st September 2013
Any additional information:	

The LL.B (Honours) European Law Course structure has been designed in conjunction with the following related LL.B (Hons) awards:

- LL.B (Honours) Law Full-time

- LL.B (Honours) Law Sandwich
- LL.B (Honours) Law and Professional Practice

Students on the above courses may, subject to successful completion of their first year of study at an overall upper second class grade or higher, transfer to the LL.B (Honours) European Law Course.